



THE GALE WINDS



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UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

- BOTIS Planning &/or WORK Meetings—DATE COMING SOON!
- March Business Meeting—Monday, 28 March 2011
- Shire Kids Belt Making Class—DATE COMING SOON!
- Shire Yard Sale—Friday 22 April & Saturday 23 April
- April Business Meeting—Monday 25 April 2011

GREETINGS FROM THE CHRONICLER

Interim Chronicler—Lady Celestria de Cranham

First, I'd like to extend a big HOOBAH and Thank You from the entire Shire to our outgoing Chronicler, Annabella. You did a fantastic job!

Secondly, as I step in to "fill the void" for this month until any and all interested parties can step up and be voted upon, I'd like to make a few suggestions for the continuation of The Gale Winds. It is very important to have a newsletter, as it is a way to push information out about what we're doing to our surrounding groups, etc. With that said, I would like to make the following recommendations:

First—we should do our part as eco-minded folk to not kill so many trees. I suggest having the newsletter completed and sent out electronically to the Shire populace (via the Google group) by noon of the day of the business meeting. It will also be linked from our Shire Facebook page as soon as it has been posted to the

website. I propose only bringing a couple of printed copies for guests that are coming to the business meeting.

Second—I think that we should also use this as a way to show everyone what we are doing. I would like to see each officer send in a monthly update as to what has been going on in their world—in addition, a copy of whatever reports get submitted would be nice as well!

These are just my "two pence"....at a minimum, we must continue to have the previous months meeting minutes posted in the newsletter. Let's discuss!

MUSINGS OF THE MAGIC BOX

Webminister—Lady Celestria de Cranham

There has been a lot going on in the world of the Webminister lately. I have been very busy with all the updates to the BOTIS event page, as well as ensuring that we are either meeting or exceeding the minimum requirements for an approved website. Plus, as I'm sure most of you know, we have added a Facebook presence, as well as a Google calendar. I'm excited to bring our website up to standards and to include new and fun features for our populace to use!

If anyone has any suggestions on how to further improve the website, please let me know! Anything I don't personally know how to code, I'm sure I can either figure out, or find someone to help me!.

Additionally, I am always looking for new

things to post out on the website. I know that we have many creative people out there—let's get some articles out there—are you good at a specific craft? Are you a creative historical writer? Have some tips or tricks on historical research for A&S or heraldic things? Share it not only with your shire, but with the entire world wide web!

Additionally—please be sure to check the populace page to see if you are on it! If you aren't, it's because I do not possess a permission to publish form for you. If you want your information listed on the populace page, let me know and I will provide you either a hard copy or electronic form to fill out and return!

WEBMINISTER QUARTERLY REPORT

Webminister—Lady Celestria de Cranham

Date Submitted: 11:21, 16th February 2011
 Reporting Period: February 15 Report
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 Expiration: 11/30/11
 Group Name: Shire of Altenberg
 Senschal: GERALYN TURNER
 Group Status: Full Status
 Mundane Location of Group: Mt. Clemens, MI
 Regional Webminister: peacocda@yahoo.com
 Read the Society Webminister Handbook?: yes
 Read the Kingdom Webminister's Policies?: yes
 Group Website: sca-altenberg.org
 Facebook Acct?: yes: Shire of Altenberg
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Shire-of-Altenberg/174403515928013>
 CafePress Acct?: No:
 Yahoo Group?: No:

Changes since last report:

The main focus of our work this quarter has been on the new BOTIS page for our upcoming event. (<http://sca-altenberg.org/BOTISXVII.php>). Additionally, I have added a Google calendar for our monthly activities, and have created a Facebook presence for our shire.

Comments:

For the upcoming quarter, I am looking forward to continuing to update the BOTIS site and looking into making some coding upgrades to our site. Also - I LOVE the online form!

In service,

Celestria de Cranham

LEATHER CRAFTING DEMO

After the conclusion of the February business meeting, Thorfin Solvarson (John Girard) did a brief Leather Crafting demo for all in attendance. He showed how to make lace using a lace maker. This tool allows you to make a lot of lace out of a very small piece of leather. All were surprised at how you could turn those small, seemingly unusable pieces of leather into something very useful.

Additionally, he showed how to finish an edge using water, wax, gum, and a slicker tool. Doing this gives the appearance of a finished edge, to make your leather crafting projects look neater and more professional.

Thorfin also brought two different types of leather to show everyone. Oak Tan (or more commonly known as "veggie-tan") hide is leather that is tanned with natural elements (usually from Oak Bark). Chrome Tan leather is tanned with more industrial chemicals. He showed that Chrome Tan hide is better for lacing, and that the Oak Tan hide is better for tooling.



HOUBAH TO
 ANGUS
 ROBERTSSON
 (RUSS) AND
 WILLIAM
 O'HANAIN (BILL)
 FOR RECEIVING
 THEIR AOAS AND
 TO BROTHER
 BARTHOLOMEW
 (BART) FOR
 RECEIVING THE
 ORDER OF THE
 DRAGON'S BARB!



HOUBAH TO
 THORFIN
 SOLVARSON FOR
 WINNING THE
 BEAN COUNT
 A&S
 COMPETITION AT
 TOYS FOR TOTS
 TOURNEY WITH
 HIS HAND
 CARVED LEATHER
 CHECKERS
 BOARD!

BOTIS UPDATES

Autocrats—Michelle & Chris Hogan

All of our fighting marshals are confirmed. We have a tentative schedule up on the website. Help with Feast prep will be getting scheduled with in the next month. I am still working on the possibility of Coursing and Equestrian events. Invitations have been hand delivered to the kingdom's of NorthShield, Middle and Ealdormere. Middle and NorthShield there Royal Majesties and their Royal Highness's and his Highness of Ealdormere. The fighting/heavy/fencing/youth marshal Lord Kazmer won't be able to make the event because of a Kingdom meeting that day, however he has confirmed he will have Russ as an official youth marshal by that time & will let us use his loaner equipment. We have a Verbal Confirmation from the Crown Prince of Ealdormere that he will be in attendance, and he has asked if someone would be attending their event on April 30. This happens to be their coronation. Can anyone go? This is the same day as Rose Tourney and I will be at that event working more with coursing people. We have a verbal confirmation of attendance to our event from the Barony of Roaring Waste and the Barony of Cinnabar. Both have said they will be there with a large group to help defend our lands. Carol has information on Tourney's and Children's activities. A tentative map has been designed and a lay out of the sight has been done. Pre-registration is encouraged and for those who register for both site and feast there is free camping. Yes this applies to the members of Altenberg, also. The Ice Cream store in Armada is offering our group and attendees a discount the weekend of our event. Fliers are done. The yard sale is currently planned for Easter weekend at the Bocci residence in Grosse Pointe. Our Ads for the Pale for March and April were successfully submitted and I will be sending out May's shortly.

BOTIS To-Do / ACTION ITEM LIST

Autocrats—Michelle & Chris Hogan

During the BOTIS Planning meeting held in February, a list was made of things that we need to do and want to do before BOTIS. Some are assigned to specific people as action items, and others are simply things we'd like to get accomplished! Anything not specifically assigned to a person will be worked on at working outings throughout the next several weeks.

- Siege Cookery:
 - Need to acquire boxes for putting produce in.
 - Need to find grates for the siege cookery fire
- Pirate Ship:
 - Step needs to be wider - it's not quite wide enough for fighting
 - Rigging is tangled and needs to be fixed. (John will help Becky with this)
 - Replacing the cloth sides with Chipboard
- Website:
 - Need verbiage / rules for Dogs.
 - Need description of the "care & feeding of thrown weapons" class
 - Need pictures of Armada Fairgrounds
- Create maps and get them laminated (Becky / Geralyn)
- Create arrow signage and get them laminated (Becky / Geralyn)
- Make Moveable Rope Barriers (wish list) (Becky's idea)
- The lance and rings for the pony joust for Children's Pointe need some TLC
- Awnings - get a few made for the event
- Archery Targets - new targets created



KEEP AN EYE
OUT FOR
BOTIS
WEEKEND
WORK PARTIES
& FEAST PREP
DAYS!



KEEP APRIL
22ND & 23RD
OPEN FOR THE
SHIRE GARAGE
SALE!
CONTACT
GERALYN TO
DROP OFF
GOODS!

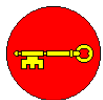
SHIRE OF ALTENBERG MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING	
FACILITATOR	Geralyn Turner (Lady Mariana de la Mar)
SCRIBE	Carol Girard (Lady Celestria de Cranham)
DATE	Monday, 24 January 2011
TIME	7:30pm
LOCATION	Mt. Clemens Public Library

ATTENDEES					
OFFICERS			POPULACE		
Geralyn Turner	x	Courtney Bocci		Russ Martin	x
Becky Klein	x	Jerry Bocci		Joe Nardi	
Bart Wright	x	Mike Foster	x	Kim Rewitzer	
Nicole Hanna		John Girard	x	Matt Sarns	
Chris Hogan		Bill Hanna		David Turner	
Carol Girard	x	Michelle Hogan	x	Barb Wright	
Allison Anderson					
GUESTS					

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
SENESCHAL REPORT GERALYN TURNER	Her report was turned in, but it was late (computer issues!) It was not counted as late. As of January 1st, there can only be 2 people in each group that get the "youth background check".
EXCHEQUER REPORT BECKY KLEIN	Carol requested reimbursement for the website - \$27.95. It was passed unanimously. Domesday is complete, pre-approved and signed by Geralyn this evening. It has to go out by the end of the month. Current balance per the EOY domesday - \$239.27. In addition, we are holding a check from Krogers - \$57.33 and from BWW \$57.44. Last Weekend's Poker Tourney raised \$71.00. Our new balance is \$425.04. Becky has bravely worked through all the red tape to get us another checking account (through Huntington Bank). An additional \$103.62 will get deposited for a new total of \$509.71. Becky needs to get the rest of the signatories (Geralyn & Bart and the regional exchequer) onto the account. We have gotten information about setting up a "pay pal" page through another group for use for pre-registration for BOTIS - we voted to use it (it's \$15) and it's unanimous.
CHATELAINE REPORT BART WRIGHT	The domesday has been submitted on time.
PURSUIVANT REPORT BART WRIGHT	The domesday has been submitted on time. Additionally, Brandon Turner and John Girard II are now officially SCA members.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
MOAS REPORT NIKKI HANNA	Nothing to report – but we need to re-file Nicole’s paperwork
FIGHTER MARSHAL REPORT CHRIS HOGAN	N/A
CHRONICLER REPORT ALLISON ANDERSON	Allison is stepping down effective January 31st. Carol is willing to take the position, and will do it in the interim until the vote can be made next month.
WEBMINISTER REPORT CAROL GIRARD	Last domesday was turned in. Carol is constantly making updates to the BOTIS page, and has created our Facebook presence as well!
OLD BUSINESS ENTIRE POPULACE	BOTIS – schedule is set up Children’s Pointe – GERALYN will get the descriptions of the classes for Website Inclusion Need more rats Need more stones for the pillory Michelle & GERALYN are going out to the fairground tomorrow (25 Jan) Next Planning meeting – Youth & heavy weapons marshalls will be there (February 20th at 2pm) We are getting a lot of good feedback on the boxes and invitations that are getting passed out. Need to get siege cookery flyers to feastocrats & cooking guilds / rings
NEW BUSINESS ENTIRE POPULACE	GERALYN needs to send a message out to the Google Group about the Chronicler position being open. We are shooting for Easter Weekend (Friday April 22 nd & 23 rd) for the next Shire Yard Sale

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MIDREALM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: The online version at www.midrealm.org/calendar/index.php is the most up to date version...

March 2011

5th

- A and S Education Day {Shire of Ravenslake} [Crystal Lake, IL]
- Ceilidh XXIII {Barony of the Flaming Gryphon} [Troy, OH]
- North Oaken Regional Academy of Defense {Shire of Thistle} [Dalton, OH]
- Winter War XIII {Shire of Trinovantia Nova} [St. Thomas, Ontario]

12th

- [CANCELLED!] Feast of Saint Patrick {Shire of Afonlyn} [Muncie, IN]
- It's All Fun And Games II {Canton of Rimsholt} [Wyoming, MI]

13-20th

- Gulf Wars {Out Of Kingdom} [Lumbarton, MS]

19th

- Dragon's Quest: A Newcomers' Event {Barony of Brendoken} [Dalton, OH]
- Terpsichore at the Tower XVII {Barony of Cynnabar} [Saline, MI]

19th–20th

- Winged Hills Collegium {Winged Hills} [Dayton, OH]

26th

- Falcons Quarry Fighter Championships {Falcons Quarry} [Elyria, OH]
- Oaken Regional Cooking and Bardic Symposium {Marche of Three Towers} [Mansfield, OH]
- Pentamere Academy of Defense {Hawkland Moor} [West Bloomfield Township, MI]
- Rogue's Day and Midlands Regional A&S {Shire of Swordcliff} [Sherman, IL]

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Battle Of The Inland Seas XVII

PIRATES RETURN

MAY 20-22, 2011

Activities:

A&S Classes
Archery
 Pentamere Challenge
Heavy Weapons
 (Tourneys, Boat Battle & More!)
Thrown Weapons –
 Pentamere Challenge
Rapier
 (Tourneys, Mystery Melee & More!)
Youth Boffer & Rapier
Pillory – Stone your friends
Merchants
Siege Cookery Contest (Pre-reg. Required)

Site Information:

Adults: \$10, Children: 6-12yrs: \$5,
 5yrs & under: Free
Non-Member Surcharge \$5
 Family Cap \$30
 (Family Cap does not include camping,
 surcharge or feast)
Feast: \$10 Donation (Adults),
 \$5 Donation (Children)
Camping: \$5 Weekend per tent
 (Free with PRE-REG!)

Site is Dog and Horse friendly
Lunch & Breakfast Available by
 Armada Lion's Club

Last Fighting Weekend Before Crown Tournament

New Site: Armada Fairgrounds:

74280 Fair Street; Armada, Michigan 48005 (Use entrance off Main St)

Directions:

I-94 E (Toward Port Huron), 21 Mile Rd (Exit 241),
Left on 21 Mile Rd, Right on North Ave. Right on Main St.
FOLLOW Signs to entrance on Left just past Fair St

Site Hours:

May 20 at 5 pm site closes May 22 at noon
Troll opens
5:00 pm on Friday May 20
9:00 am on Saturday May 21

For more information on:

Site, A & S, Merchants, Tournaments & Marshals In Charge
Pre-registration forms for Siege Cookery, Site and Feast
Please visit: <http://www.sca-altenberg.org/BOTISXVII.php>

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